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OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU

JULY 19 1977 SCINTEIA, SCINTEIA TINERETULUI AND ROMANIA LIBERA
CARRY MAJOR PORTIONS, AND POSSIBLY FULL TRANSCRIPT, OF DATHARINE
GRAHAM'S JULY 8 INTERVIEW OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. ARTICLE
ENTITLED "CONVERSATION OF COMRADE NICOLAE CEAUSESCU WITH A
GROUP OF AMERICAN JOURNALISTS. INTERVIEW INCLUDES INTERNAL
AND FOREIGN ROMANIAN POLICY, U.S.-ROMANIAN RELATIONS, EURO-
COMMUNISM, CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.
ARTILCE WHICH TAKES UP ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF FRONT PAGE AND MORE
THAN HALF OF PAGE THREE, CONTAINS NO NEW POLICIES OR REVELATIONS
BUT IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN EMBASSY MEMORY THAT CEAUSESCU HAS
OPENLY CRITICIZED A SOVIET MAGAZINE (I.C. NEW TIMS). AT ONE
POINT CEAUSESCU IS FORTHRIGHT IN HIS CRITICISM OF AMERICAN
DEMOCRACY, PARTICULARLY IN ITS CONSTITUTIONAL "FREEDOMS" WHICH
ALLOW "NAZIS TO DEMONSTRATE, TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITIES
WITHOUT ANY TROUBLES". WHILE MAKING IT CLEAR THAT HE DOES
NOT INTEND TO CRITICIZE THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE U.S.
CEAUSESCU SAYS THAT THIS KIND OF DEMOCRACY WILL NEVER EXIST
IN THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA. ON U.S.- ROMANIAN RELATIONS
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CEAUSESCU REFFERS TO THE RAPID GROWTH OF
RELATIONS IN RECENT YEARS IN A VARIETY OF FIELDS. WITH PRUDENCE
AND RESERVE HE NEVER CHARACTERIZES THESE RELATIONS EXCEPT TO SAY
THAT THEY HAVE BEEN EXPANDING AND THAT HE HOPES THEY WILL CON-
TINUE TO DO SO.

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